

Canichana language

Canichana, or **Canesi**, **Joaquiniano**, is a possible language isolate of Bolivia (department of Beni). In 1991 there were 500 Canichana people, but only 20 spoke the Canichana language; by 2000 the ethnic population was 583, but the language was extinct.

It was spoken on the Mamoré River and Machupo River.^[2]

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Jolkesky (2016) notes that there are lexical similarities with the Mochica language due to contact.^[3]

Vocabulary

Loukotka (1968) lists the following basic vocabulary items for Canichana.^[2]

Canichana	
	Joaquiniano
Native to	Bolivia
Region	Beni Department
Extinct	ca. 2000
Language family	Tequiraca–Canichana? <div>▪ Canichana</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	caz
Glottolog	cani1243 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/cani1243) ^[1]



Historical distribution of the language

gloss	Canichana
one	mereka
two	kadita
three	kaʔarxata
tooth	eu-kuti
tongue	au-cháva
hand	eu-tixle
woman	ikegahui
water	nese
fire	nichuku
moon	nimilaku
maize	ni-chuxú
jaguar	ni-xolani
house	ni-tikoxle

See also

- Llanos de Moxos (archaeology)

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- Lenguas de Bolivia (<http://www.ru.nl/lenguasdebolivia/>) (online edition)

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